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COVID-19 Vaccination Update for Montgomery County

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – The Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in partnership with The Lone Star Family Health Center, will be continuing a COVID-19 drive-thru mass vaccination site at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds located at 9333 Airport Road in Conroe, Texas. This vaccination site is possible due to the Department of State Health Services allocating another 2,000 doses to Lone Star Family Health Center this week.

Montgomery County will follow the vaccine administration guidelines issued by the State of Texas and will be administering COVID-19 immunizations for the following:

- Front-line healthcare workers and first responders
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Persons age 65 and over
- Persons age 18 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
 - Solid organ transplantation
 - Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m2 or higher)
 - Pregnancy
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

If you fall into one of these categories and would like to receive a vaccine, please register for an appointment at 6PM tonight on www.lonestarvaccine.com. Vaccinations are by appointment only and If you do not have an appointment you will not be permitted inside the vaccine site.

Wednesday Vaccine Appointments open tonight at 6:00PM

Visit <u>www.lonestarvaccine.com</u> to secure a vaccine appointment for tomorrow, Wednesday Jan 27th, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. We expect appointments to fill up quickly, so here is some information that may be helpful.

After clicking "Get Started" on the home page, you'll be asked a series of questions to determine your eligibility. If eligible, you'll be directed to an "Eventbrite" page and prompted to select an appointment time. NO promo code is needed.

At this point, 1 of 3 things can happen:

- 1. You will see available times with an option to select 1 ticket. From there, you'll click "Register" and provide contact information before completing check-out.
- 2. You will see times marked "unavailable". This means that every ticket has been "claimed", but folks are still completing check-out. Keep refreshing your page to see if anyone times out of check-out as this will prompt tickets to re-appear.
- 3. You will see all times marked "sold out". At this point, the event is completely full.

Additionally, residents can also register to be on the waiting list for St. Luke's Hospital – The Woodlands by visiting https://www.stlukeshealth.org/montgomerycountyvaccine.

The Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and our partners are working diligently to vaccinate our community as quickly as possible, we encourage everyone to be patient. Vaccines are only available in limited quantities. If residents have any questions they are asked to call our COVID-19 hotline at 936-523-3916; it is open M-F 8AM-4PM.

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